

~~SECRET~~

DIARY NOTES

25X1A
25X1A6a

DD/S [REDACTED]

19 April 1960

25X1C4a

1. Jim Garrison called me and requested my permission to give the Department [REDACTED] green light on the A&E contract for housing [REDACTED] I asked him to wait until after our briefing for the Bureau of the Budget on Thursday.

25X1A9a

2. Messrs. [REDACTED] from the Office of Training were up to brief me on the course which they are planning on "Contingency Task Forces." This is a three-week course and it will be conducted under simulated field conditions [REDACTED] X1A6a appears to be a well thought out first try and should be very beneficial to Support offices.

25X1A9a

3. [REDACTED] buzzed to say that after General Cabell reviewed the DD/I and DD/P comments on the Office of Training paper recommending the establishment of a United States Intelligence Staff College, he decided that this paper should be filed without further action at this time. H

25X1A9a

4. I requested [REDACTED] to look into the possibility of granting [REDACTED] an educational allowance during his assignment [REDACTED] where there are no school facilities.

25X1A9a

25X1A6a

25X1A9a

25X1C8c

5. At the request of [REDACTED] I agreed to host a luncheon for the new Chief of [REDACTED] at the Army-Navy Country Club on 4 May. Henry is sending up some background and a proposed guest list.

6. The Director buzzed me and was quite exercised and apparently unhappy about the General Counsel's memorandum pointing out the difficulties, if not the impossibility, of building a residence for the Director of Central Intelligence at Langley. He said that he would like to discuss this at the morning meeting. H

25X1A9a

25X1A

25X1A

25X1A9a

7. [REDACTED] and his group were in for their regular briefing:

a. John reported that the [REDACTED] people were very much put out with the Office of Central Reference because OCR had told the Department of the Air Force that they were giving up the minicard system because of "systems failures." [REDACTED] believes that the OCR attitude toward making the minicard system work has been a negative one. He understands that OCR is submitting a paper to the Project Review Committee inasmuch as there has been a substantial amount of money spent on this system. Also, he thinks that Project Walnut has the capability of doing the OCR job.

b. John raised the question as to whether the Photographic Intelligence Center should go to the PRC for purchases of equipment amounting to more

25X1A9a than \$25,000. In checking with [REDACTED] he (John) understood that Dick Bissell was Chairman of PRC and as such had authority to approve of expenditures without regard to limitation. This is, of course, incorrect and I want to discuss the matter with General Cabell. In view of the magnitude of the PIC program, I am inclined to believe that they should present their program annually to PRC rather than to consider each significant purchase individually.

c. Al reported that the RCA people concurred in the layout for the 501 computer and that it would be in operation by 1 October 1960.

d. I talked to Al about his IBM stocks and asked him to get in touch with Larry Houston, explain the situation to him and abide by his judgment as to whether we should put some memorandum in the file for his protection as well as that of the Agency.

25X1A9a

8. I interviewed [REDACTED] of the Office of Communications who is being selected for promotion to grade GS-15. He is now Chief of the Supplementary Activities Branch of the Supplemental Programs Division. While he had only one year of formal high school education he has been in the intercept business since 1929 (twenty years with the Navy, one with the National Security Agency and the remainder with CIA). I concluded that he appeared to be well qualified for his present assignment which carries a grade GS-15 rating.

LKW:ecb